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FM AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 1328

INFO AMEMBASSY MANAGUA

AMEMBASSY TEGUCIGALPA

AMEMBASSY SAN JOSE

AMEMBASSY SAN SALVADOR

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LIMITED OFFICIAL USE GUATEMALA 3041

EO 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINS GT

SUBJECT: FORMER HEAD OF CRT ASSASSINATED

1. COL. ELIAS RAMIREZ CERVANTES, A HARD-LINE ANTI-COMMUNIST WHO HEADED THE CENTRO REGIONAL DE TELECOMUNICACIONES (GOG PRESIDENTIAL SECURITY SERVICE) DURING THE ARANA ADMINISTRATION, WAS ASSASSINATED OUTSIDE HIS HOME EARLY MORNING APRIL 21. RAMIREZ' BROTHER-IN-LAW WAS ALSO KILLED AND A BODYGUARD WAS WOUNDED. UNIDENTIFIED ASSAILANTS ESCAPED. POST HAS NO INFORMATION ON THEIR IDENTITY OR MOTIVES BEHIND THE KILLING.

2. RAMIREZ'S NAME AND FORMER CRT AFFILIATION WERE GIVEN WIDE PUBLICITY RECENTLY IN PRESS STATEMENTS BY FORMER GUATEMALA CITY MAYOR MANUEL COLOM ARGUETA FOLLOWING UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT ON COLOM'S LIFE (GUATEMALA 2596).

RAMIRES'S MOST RECENT ASSIGNMENT WAS ON FACULTY OF GUATEMALAN WAR COLLEGE (CEM) AND LILE MOST CEM STAFF,  
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HE HAD WORKED WITH NATIONAL EMERGENCY COMMITTEE FOLLOWING EARTHQUAKE.

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## Message Attributes

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